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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2615  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Yoshiki SHIRAISHI, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2004, please consider the following remarks with respect to the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-7 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-7 presently stand rejected. Specifically, claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Moriyama (USP 4,680,647) and claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriyama in view of Mori et al. (USP 6,208,802).

For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the claim rejections and favorably dispose of the application.